

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, February 9, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilman Michael Rabon (District 4), Councilman Kenny Higginbotham (District 5) and Councilman Ray Gary (District 6), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux V (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the February 9, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

3. KAREN FONTENOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER

3.1 Approval of November 2020 and December 2020 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Karen stated the Sales Tax has gone up 27% compared to what was budgeted. Karen stated she was contacted today by Raymond James in reference to the bond refunding. They have come across with a better deal. We will save \$1.4 million over the length of the bond, which comes to about \$63,000 a year. The bond interest rate will be 2.8%. We will have the ordinance at the next meeting for introduction.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
David Bonin
Jesse Regan
Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

4. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #21-677

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures up to \$14,000 for the Main Street Parking Improvements and approving Change Order #1 for Elliott Construction

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mel stated we are asking for a \$14,000 budget amendment. \$7,633.20 of that is for change order #1 for additional asphalt, due to the fact there were huge boulders that had to be pulled out, which created soft spots. The remainder \$6,366.80 is resulting from material cost increases.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
David Bonin
Jesse Regan
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5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Ordinance #21-675

An ordinance where the City of Broussard Main Street Corridor Overlay District is intended to promote innovation, attractive and efficient use of land, to encourage planned development.

Motion by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Gerald stated this ordinance is for final adoption which amends the downtown district zoning.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

5.2 Ordinance #21-676

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$351,000.00 for the FY2020 LCDBG Sewer Systems Improvements Project in District 1, 2 and District 4

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Resolution #654-21

A resolution awarding the bid to Allen LeBlanc, LLC Construction for the FY2020 LCDBG Sewer System Improvements in the amount of \$350,252.00.

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Daniel stated there were 5 bidders and the low bid was Allen LeBlanc, LLC Construction. This is to rehab the sewer in the older part of town. Mayor Bourque question if the problem is fresh-water intrusion into the system? Daniel stated yes. They will start by checking the lift stations that are taking in water. They will do a section of repairs and they will also make changes to some of the manholes. Councilman Delahoussaye, questioned if he feels there may be some changes orders? Daniel stated with this grant you fix everything as you go until the money runs out. Councilman Gary questioned what happens if something is broken in the yard, do they fix it? Daniel stated this grant has to be in the certain income range and we have to be allowed to get into the easement. Walter added this grant allows you to do certain things. It is very restrictive. We will assess if we can work on the property per the federal guidelines. The intent is not to go on private property. The contractor will have to work within those guidelines. Daniel stated \$337,000 is to be spent in the right of ways and the other \$13,000 in other areas property for the landowners.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

6.2 Resolution #656-21

A resolution declaring the Asphalt Patch and Overlay Southfield Subdivision project as being substantially complete.

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Daniel recommended we declare the project as substantially complete. The contractor has completed the project and only one mailbox had to be replaced.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

6.3 Resolution #657-21

A resolution declaring some police vehicles as salvage and approve donating them to the Opelousas City Marshal's Office

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Chief Decou stated the cars they are donating were replaced in this budget year. We will be donating them to the Opelousas City Marshall's Office if this resolution is approved. Members from the Opelousas City Marshall's Office thanked the council in advance for possibly donating these cars to them.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
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 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

6.4 Resolution #658-21

A resolution approving the change order for South Bernard Phase II Project to perform some drainage work that is part of the Main Street Phase I project

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Daniel stated we currently got the DOTD permit for this project. The bids for the Main Street Phase I will be opened on Feb. 28th. Part of that project is a box culvert which crosses in that area. We did not want to build a road, open it, and then cut up the road later to put the box culvert in for the Main Street Phase I project. We are only shifting the funds from one project to another. There will be one final change order for Bernard Road. Mayor Bourque stated this is not a budget amendment.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

7. ADJOURNMENT

- 7.1 Motion to adjourn meeting.
Motion by Councilwoman Racca
Second by Councilman Gary
To adjourn the meeting
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk